

VILLAGE OF WHITEFISH BAY POLICE COMMISSION

Minutes of May 19th, 2021 Meeting

**Whitefish Bay Village Hall
5300 North Marlborough Drive
Whitefish Bay, WI 53217**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (SARS-CoV-2), the meeting was held virtually, through the use of the Whitefish Bay Village's "GoToMeeting" Video Conferencing computer platform. Present virtually for the duration of the meeting were: Commissioners Harron, Gonzales, Kearns, Gilpin, and Markson. Also in attendance at Village Hall were Interim Chief Patrick Whitaker, and Village Manager Paul Boening. A number of additional citizens utilized the "GoToMeeting" access permitted to observe the portions of the meeting that were held in open session. Village Manager Boening handled the virtual access to the meeting.

Commission Chair Harron called the videoconference meeting to order at approximately 6:02 P.M.

The Commission's Minutes from the meeting held April 14, 2021 were approved 5-0, after a motion made by Commissioner Kearns and seconded by Commissioner Gilpin.

Village Manager Boening confirmed there were no written submissions of comments provided by any member of the public prior to the April 14th meeting.

Following discussions with Interim Chief Whitaker concerning his new transition to the role, Commissioner Gonzales moved, seconded by Commissioner Markson, to convene in closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85 (1)(c), to discuss and consider additional matters concerning recruitment, hiring and staffing issues. The motion carried 5-0. Closed session began approximately 6:06 P.M. The Village Manager limited the public's access to the remote meeting during closed session.

In closed session, the commission extensively discussed matters further and discerned further planning needed for recruitment and employment. Interim Chief Whitaker completed his report and exited the meeting at approximately 6:22 P.M.

After further discussions, Commissioner Gonzales moved, and Commissioner Kearns seconded the motion, to reconvene in open session. The motion carried 5-0. Open session resumed at approximately 7:24 P.M. The remote meeting access for the public resumed at that time.

In open session, discussions were held concerning the expectations of preparing a vacancy announcement and posting for the position of Police Chief. Commissioner Gilpin moved, seconded by Commissioner Kearns, to direct the Village Manager to review past postings and relevant materials to draft a posting for the vacancy. The draft was then to be circulated among the entire Police Commission for comment and revisions. The motion carried 5-0. Village Manager Boening agreed to conduct this effort with due dispatch.

Commissioner Kearns moved, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales, to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned and the videoconference call ended at approximately 7:27 P.M.